

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

COURT CAUTIONS PUBLIC OF POSSIBLE IDENTITY THEFT SCAM

From time to time, the Court is advised about a resurgence of a nationwide scam in which citizens receive a telephone call from an individual claiming to be employed by a court. The caller indicates that a bench warrant has been issued for the arrest of the citizen for failure to appear for jury duty. The caller then asks the citizen to verify certain personal information, i.e. social security number, by providing that information.

In federal court, potential jurors are summoned through the mail and told when to report for jury duty. If a phone call is made to a potential juror, personal information is not requested because the Court already has that information. In addition, jurors who fail to appear are not advised over the telephone that a bench warrant has been issued. Warrants are signed by judicial officers and executed in person by the United States Marshals Service.

The Court cautions the public from providing the personal information requested in these calls. If you receive one of these calls, do not provide any information. The Court suggests that you hang up and call its Jury Department at 313-234-5085. Be prepared to provide your name, telephone number and a detailed description of the call you received.

Any information you provide will be turned over to the United States Attorney's Office, which will determine whether further action is warranted.

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